AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of ~~a~~ conducting a prescription renewal transaction, the method comprising:

~~receiving~~ transmitting a renewal request ~~of~~ from a pharmacy site to a benefits management site;

receiving the renewal request from ~~a~~ the benefits ~~manager~~ management site in-real time across a network pathway, the renewal request including prescription-related information ~~of the benefits manager~~ added by the benefits management site;

transmitting the renewal request to a portable healthcare device to response to the renewal request; and

sending the response into the network pathway to the pharmacy site to fill the renewal.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the prescription-related information includes patient formulary, eligibility status, prescription history, item cost, at least one alternative parameter or potential drug interferences.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the response includes acceptance conditional on incorporating at least one of the alternative parameter.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the response is an approval or decline of the renewal.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the renewal request includes adjudication results from the benefits ~~manager~~ management site.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the adjudication results includes an approval or decline from the benefits management site ~~manager of the renewal request~~.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including preparing the renewal request from the benefits ~~manager~~ management site to read at the portable healthcare device prior to the transmitting of the renewal request to the portable healthcare device.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further including preparing the response from the portable healthcare device to read at the pharmacy site prior to the sending of the response.

9.   (Currently Amended) A system to transact a prescription renewal, comprising:

a benefits management subsystem to receive a renewal request from a pharmacy site and to add prescription-related information to the renewal request; and

a healthcare subsystem coupled with the benefits management subsystem via a network pathway, the healthcare subsystem comprising:

a) an external network port to receive a-the renewal request of a pharmacy site including prescription-related information of a benefits manager, from the benefits manager-management site in-real time across a-the network pathway;

b) a renewal processing unit to prepare the renewal request received from a benefits manager-for reading at a portable healthcare device; and

c) an internal network port to send the prepared renewal request to the portable healthcare device for response, the external network port further to transfer the response to the renewal request from the portable healthcare device into the network pathway to the pharmacy site.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the prescription-related information includes patient formulary, eligibility status, prescription history, item cost, comparable alternative parameter, optimal amount or potential drug interferences.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the response includes acceptance conditional on incorporating at least one of the alternative parameter.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the response is an approval or decline of the renewal.

13.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the wherein the renewal request includes adjudication results from the benefits manager-management site.

14.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the adjudication results includes an approval or decline of the renewal request.

15.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, <u>wherein the healthcare subsystem</u> further includ<u>es</u><s>ing</s> an interface to prepare a response from the portable healthcare device for reading at the pharmacy site<s>,</s><u>.</u>

16.   (Currently Amended) A computer accessible medium having stored therein a plurality of sequences of executable instructions, which, when executed by a processor, cause the system to:
        <s>receive</s><u>transmit</u> a renewal request of <s>a</s><u>from</u> pharmacy site <s>from</s><u>to</u> a benefits <s>manager</s> <u>management site;</u>
        <u>receive the renewal request from the benefits management site</u> in-real time across a network pathway, the renewal request including prescription-related information <s>of</s><u>added by</u> the benefits <s>manager</s><u>management site</u>;
        transmit the renewal request to a portable healthcare device to response to the renewal request; and
        send the response into the network pathway to the pharmacy site to fill the renewal.

17.   (Original) The computer accessible medium of claim 16, wherein the prescription-related information includes patient formulary, eligibility status, prescription history, item cost, alternative parameter or potential drug interferences.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the response includes acceptance conditional on incorporating at least one of the alternative parameter.

19.   (Original) The computer accessible medium of claim 16, wherein the response is an approval or decline of the renewal.

20.   (Currently Amended) The computer accessible medium of claim 16, wherein the renewal request includes adjudication results from the benefits <s>manager</s><u>management site</u>.

21.   (Original) The computer accessible medium of claim 16, wherein the adjudication results includes an approval or decline of the renewal request.

22.   (Original) The computer accessible medium of claim 16, wherein the adjudication results includes at least one suggested alternative parameter.

23.   (Currently Amended) The computer accessible medium of claim 16, further including preparing the renewal request from the benefits ~~manager~~ management site for reading at the portable healthcare device prior to the transmitting of the renewal request to the portable healthcare device.

24.   (Original) The computer accessible medium of claim 16, further including preparing the response from the portable healthcare device for reading at the pharmacy site prior to the sending of the response.

25.   (Currently Amended) A method of verifying a user in a prescription-related transaction, the method comprising:

    ~~receiving~~ transmitting a renewal request ~~of~~ from a pharmacy site ~~from~~ to a benefits ~~manager~~ management site;

    receiving the renewal request from the benefits management site in-real time across a network pathway, the renewal request including prescription-related information ~~of~~ added by the benefits ~~manager~~ management site;

    preparing the renewal request from the benefits ~~manager~~ management site to read at ~~the~~ a portable healthcare device prior to the transmitting of the renewal request to the portable healthcare device;

    transmitting the renewal request to ~~a~~ the portable healthcare device to response to the renewal request;

    preparing the response from the portable healthcare device to read at the pharmacy site prior to the sending of the response; and

    sending the response into the network pathway to the pharmacy site to fill the renewal.

26.   (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the prescription-related information includes patient formulary, eligibility status, prescription history, item cost, alternative parameter or potential drug interferences.

27.   (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the response includes acceptance conditional on incorporating at least one of the alternative parameter.

28.   (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the response is an approval or decline of the renewal.

29.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the renewal request includes adjudication results from the benefits ~~manager~~management site.

30.   (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the adjudication results includes an approval or decline of the renewal request.